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JUBILEE CLOCK TOWER DEDICATED TO COMMEMORATE SHELTON STATE'S FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Shelton State culminated their Fiftieth Anniversary Jubilee Celebration with the dedication of the Jubilee Clock Tower on Wednesday, April 23. Over the past eight months, faculty, staff, students, alumni and the West Alabama community have celebrated Shelton State's long history of academic excellence, career and technical achievement, and community service. Each month has focused on a different, important aspect of Shelton State's history and the finale, the clock tower dedication, featured "Our Students - Our Future."



Dr. Roy Johnson addresses the audience at the Clock Tower Dedication

"We are extremely excited to see this symbol of Shelton State's reverence and respect for the past and hopefulness for the future come to fruition. The dedication ceremony capped off our Jubilee celebration and focused on 'Our Students - Our Future.' It will serve as a symbol of our dedication to our students and the future of West Alabama," said Rick Rogers, president of Shelton State Community College.

The contractor, the Van Bergen Company, is based out of Charleston, S.C and



Author Mark Childress signs one of his books during the 50th Jubilee Celebration of the Arts in March.



Dr. Everett McCorvey, former Shelton State faculty member, and his American Spiritual Ensemble performed at the Bean-Brown Theatre in February

The ceremony featured student musicians and leaders, comments from Sandra Ray, Alabama State Board of Education District VII, remarks from Dr. Roy Johnson, Chancellor of the Alabama College System and concluded with the inaugural ringing of the bells and a lunch on the grounds.

has been a leader in the carillon industry since 1795. Examples of carillon installments include: St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY; Clemson University - S.C.; National Shrine, D.C.; Birmingham Southern College; and University of North Alabama. The 50' tall tower includes twenty-four cast bronze bells, four back-lit clocks, each six feet in diameter, and carillon instruments with fully automatic operation. Along with traditional clock chime melodies and hour strikes variations, the clock tower offers the opportunity for an individual to play live from within the atrium or record performances for special occasions.

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You know from the moment you sit down with them that Dr. and Mrs. John N. Todd III are gracious, generous people - a discovery that only affirms what others say about them.

"I think the Todds sincerely enjoy getting to know the faculty and scholarship recipients here at Shelton," said Shelton Foundation Executive Director Lew Drummond. "When they join with the Shelton State Foundation on Honor's Day, they truly are here to celebrate the success and accomplishment of all our honorees."

"Dr. and Mrs. Todd have had a major impact on Shelton State Community College," said Drummond. "Their commitment and generosity have provided scholarships and grants to numerous individuals over the past years."

Dr. Todd remarked, "We have not shared with Shelton State for credit or praise but because we truly admire and like Shelton



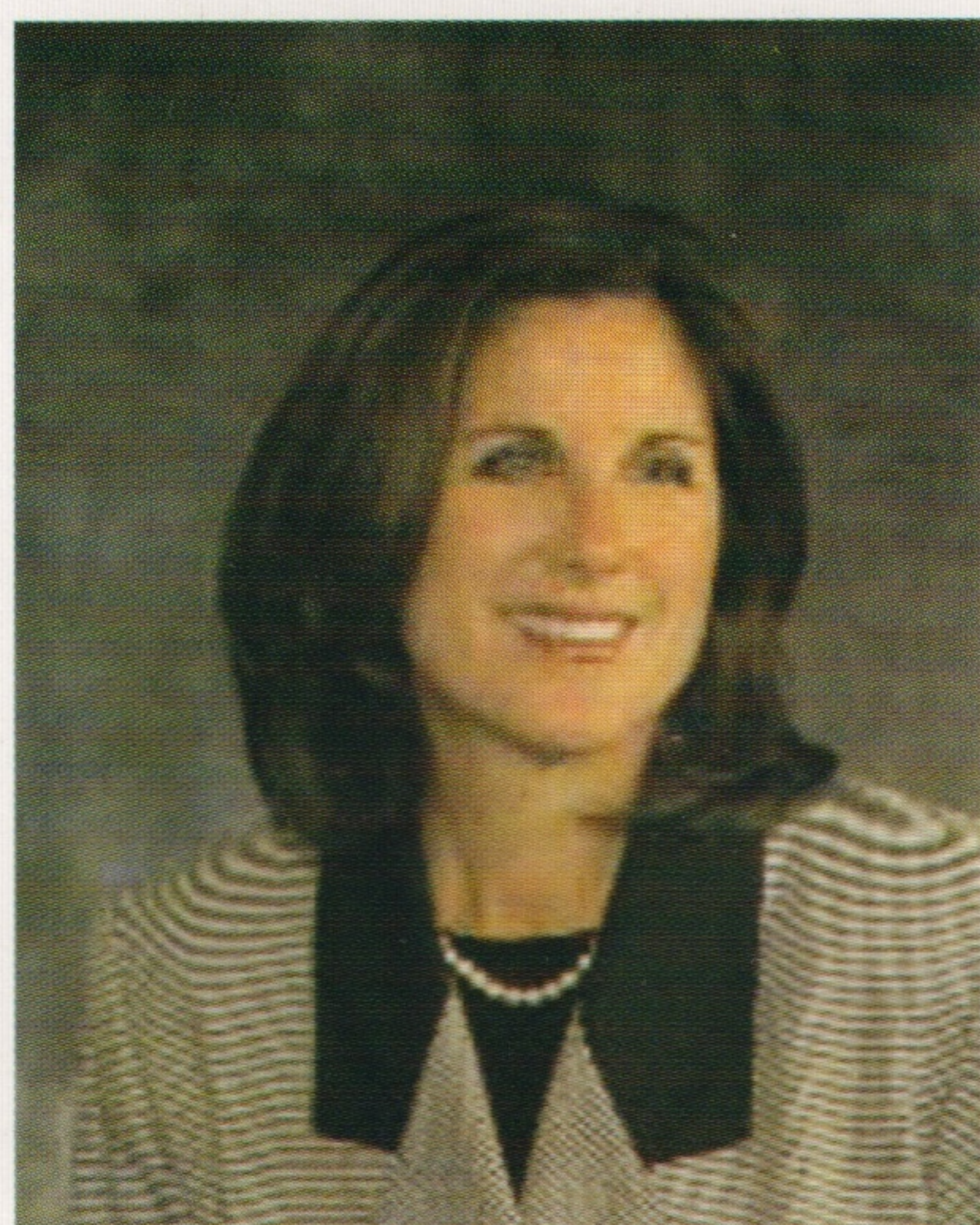
(L to R) Dr. and Mrs. John N. Todd III with Sara Brenizer, recipient of the 2003 Dr. and Mrs. John Todd Exceptional Achievement in Teaching Award, and President Rick Rogers.

State, and what it is doing for Tuscaloosa and Alabama and for the young people it serves."

The Todds have not only endowed the "Dr. and Mrs. John N. Todd III Scholarship" but have also established the "Dr. and Mrs. John Todd Award for Exceptional Achievement in Teaching" which is presented annually to a full-time faculty member at Shelton State, the only award of its type at the school. (con't page 3)

WEST ALABAMA CENTER FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: A RESULTS ORIENTED APPROACH

Shelton State Community College is partnering to bring additional workforce development resources to West Alabama. The West Alabama Center for Workforce Development, which is under the guidance of the Workforce Development Advisory Board and the direction of Susan Miller, is located on Shelton State's Martin Campus. The Center's purpose is to provide quality employment and training services for employers and job seekers at all levels.



Susan Miller

The Center for Workforce Development will provide a single access point for job seekers and employers functioning as a clearinghouse for workforce development information. Their goal is to offer additional employment and training resources, enhance and expand current resources and to comprehensively provide the community an increased capacity for workforce development.

While connecting people with industry and essential training, the center will also respond to the need to back fill entry level positions that have been vacated through technical training. As West Alabama experiences an increase and expansion of manufacturing related companies, it is crucial that the gap between growing industry needs and workforce development capabilities is filled.

Miller, who will oversee the daily operations of the West Alabama Center for Workforce Development, is originally from the Tuscaloosa area. She has over fifteen years of management and leadership experience in Workforce Development and extensive knowledge of Career Center management and operations. As Executive Director/CEO of the Private Industry Council in the Florida Panhandle, she was responsible for contract and fiscal management of federal and state workforce development grants totaling over a million annually. For the past six years, her primary role was to develop, design and implement One-Stop Delivery Systems. Miller's experience extends beyond management however, having served four years as a Career Center Manager

and prior to that an extensive background as a Career Counselor.

"As director of the Center for Workforce Development of West Alabama, I see my main focus as enhancing and linking the resources that are currently available, and increasing the overall workforce development capacity for the area," Miller said.

"The creation of the Center for Workforce Development is a result of the college responding to the community's needs, which is truly our mission," said Rick Rogers, Shelton State president. "And Ms. Miller's years of service give her a unique perspective and understanding of the issues facing workforce develop-

ment. We know that she will be an asset to the West Alabama area, and look forward to her direction in this endeavor," Rogers added.

For more information on becoming involved with West Alabama Center for Workforce Development, please Contact Susan Miller at 205/391-2919.

"The Center for Workforce Development will provide a single access point for job seekers and employers"

HELP WANTED: JOB PLACEMENT CENTER HAS PRODUCTIVE FIRST YEAR

Never before have there been so many opportunities for skilled workers. Good-paying jobs are available and employers want specific job skills. In addition to a quality education, Shelton State now offers results-orientated career assistance through the Job Placement Center. The Shelton State Job Placement Center serves as a liaison for current students, alumni and West Alabama Business and Industry.

Current services include: wage information for cities across the country; industry

trends; national labor market information; internship information; employer profiles; resume proofreading and posting; on-campus interviews; business & industry mentors; career resource information; current job openings; career workshops hosted by local business and industry.

"Shelton State's career technology faculty has always been very helpful for students seeking employment upon completion of their programs, but as our enrollment has grown and more and more businesses have come into the

West Alabama area, we realized that a centralized location linking potential employers and our students was essential," said Mike Fields, director of the Job Placement Center. "We have had a great deal of success since we opened a little less than a year ago. Some companies have even returned for their second round of recruitment in that short time," added Fields.

For more information on the Job Placement Center, please contact Mike Fields at 205/391-2461.

TWO NAMED TO ALL-ALABAMA ACADEMIC TEAM

Jennifer Taylor and Aaron Quick were among the 54 two-year college students honored by the Alabama College System for their selection to the All-Alabama Academic Team. A banquet at Birmingham's Wynfrey Hotel was the forum for recognizing these outstanding students for their selection.

Roy Johnson, Chancellor of The Alabama College System, members of the State Board of Education, respective college presidents, and Rep. Betty Carol Graham, a member of the All-Alabama Academic Team board of directors, presented each student with a medallion and a \$500 scholarship to any accredited institution of higher education in Alabama.

Taylor is a sophomore from Tuscaloosa majoring in Biology and Physical Therapy. She plans to transfer to The University of Alabama in the fall. Quick is a sophomore from Lexington, Kentucky. He will also transfer to UA and pursue a degree in Civil Engineering.

The Alabama College Systems All-Alabama Academic Team Recognition Program

was established in 1995 as an enhancement to the All-USA National Academic Team Recognition Program, which recognized scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in community, technical and junior colleges.

Taylor and Quick also shared the 2003 Outstanding Sophomore Student Award. This award is named for Dr. Leo Sumner who was president of Shelton State Community College from 1976-1988. The recipient of the Leo Sumner Award is selected based on outstanding academic per-



Jennifer Taylor and Aaron Quick with President Rick Rogers at Honors Day 2003

formance, school involvement, and community service. It is the highest honor that a student can earn at Shelton State Community College.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

STEVE FAIR, a fourteen year veteran of the two year college system and a graduate of Shelton State Community College, has been named the Acting Associate Dean of Technical Services.

Fair, who has served as the Director of Business and Industry Training (TBI) at Shelton State since 2001, took on his additional duties on July 1.

DR. FRAN TURNER has been named the Coordinating Agent for the Adult Education Consortium at Shelton State Community College. Turner began her new duties at the college on July 1, 2003.

Turner brings to this position over 27 years of diverse experience in education. She has held positions at both the K-12 and Postsecondary levels.

ALICIA TAYLOR, Chair of the Shelton State Community College Math Department, has accepted an appointment as Director of Academic Affairs for the Alabama College System through May 2004.

Working with Dr. Roy Johnson, Chancellor, she travels to all the community colleges in the state. "I really enjoy the job, but it is very challenging. The job is very exciting because I am learning about how the colleges work," said Taylor.

JACQUELINE WILLIAMS, nursing instructor at Shelton State Community College, was recently honored by the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing as an Outstanding African-American Nurse in Alabama. This celebration recognized African-American nurses who have made important contributions to the improvement of healthcare in Alabama over the past forty years. A native of Washington D.C., Ms. Williams began her nursing education through a federal grant initiative to increase the number of minorities in health care. She received her diploma in nursing from Freedmen's Hospital of Nursing in 1971.

DEAN HUMPHREY LEE, who has served in Student Services at Shelton State for over twenty-eight years, was recently honored by

the Alabama College System Deans of Student Affairs Association as the Student Services Officer of the year for 2003-2004.

Despite the recent attention, Lee maintains that, "This is a team award. I have the opportunity to network within the association and build upon their strengths and there is no way that I could do what I do without my student services team and the dedication of Susan Mohun, Diane Layton and their staffs," said Lee.

PHILIP COLEMAN, Shelton State Adult Student Services Coordinator, was recognized for his work in adult recruitment by the Men Of Integrity at a ceremony on February 21st.

Men Of Integrity is a non-profit organization that helps sponsor young children in the community. Coleman received the lifetime achievement award for his efforts in making the community a better place.

PRESIDENT RICK ROGERS attended the 35th annual Harvard University Graduate School of Education Institute for Educational Management (IEM) during July. Rogers was chosen from a large pool of college and university senior-level administrators based on his scope of responsibility, depth, and potential for continued leadership. The program focused on the qualities necessary for effective leadership, especially during times of major institutional change.

In July, **DR. BRUCE BIZZOCO** was a guest lecturer at the National Coaches College, a part of the United States Fencing Association, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. He lectured each day on the history of the sword starting with stone weapons and finishing with modern foils and sabers.

LEWIS DRUMMOND, SR. was named Executive Director of the Shelton State Foundation on February 1. A graduate of the University of Alabama, he retired from IBM Corporation where he managed the Higher Education Industry Group. He has served as Director of Planning and Commercial Development for the City of Northport and received the Northport Citizen-of-the-Year Award in 1995.

Mattingly in 1994. Davis hit his first major league homerun off Detroit pitcher, David Wells, in 1995.

Davis was traded to the Seattle Mariners in 1996. In 1998, he posted career bests in four categories: games (144); runs (68); doubles (30); and he nearly eclipsed his career total for RBIs (94) with 82 on the season. Sporting News named Davis the Top AL West third baseman in its post-season wrap-up. Davis holds the distinction of the very first player to hit a homerun at Seattle's SAFECO field.

The year 2000 brought a trade to the San Francisco Giants. Davis retired in 2001 to spend time with his family. He currently resides in Birmingham with his wife, Adryne, and their children.

"We are so proud of Russ and are very excited about this distinction. We are honored that we were able to serve as a stepping stone to such a successful career," said Rick Rogers, Shelton State president.

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Dr. Todd said, "Phyllis and I had heard of similar awards at other schools and wanted to see a comparable program in our community that recognized the work of educators. Shelton State's faculty has done a remarkable job of providing opportunities to advance the lives of so many students; students that might have been lost otherwise."

"The enthusiasm and cordiality of the faculty at Shelton is apparent as soon as you walk in the door," adds Mrs. Todd.

Married for 44 years, John and Phyllis Todd first met in Birmingham when he was a resident at University Hospital and she was completing her RN degree from University Hospital School of Nursing. After serving as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force and receiving his board certification in Internal Medicine, they arrived in Tuscaloosa in 1963.

"After serving in the Air Force in New Foundland and at McDill Air Force Base, Phyllis and I made the trip here to establish my practice," said Todd.

Bringing two small children with them (two more would be added later), Dr. Todd practiced medicine at his Hargrove Road office for 25 years with his wife's support as office manager and occasional nurse.

Mrs. Todd says, "Even when John was in practice we were involved with the education of young people through what was called the 'Diversified Occupation Program.' Our nursing staff would act as mentors to these high school students who were interested in health careers."

As they talk, it becomes apparent that Dr. and Mrs. Todd take their involvement with Shelton State as a personal one. They tell stories of running into students at graduation ceremonies that they first knew at McDonald's; young people they had encouraged to pursue additional educational opportunities after high school. "I ran into one of these young women not long ago. Now she's an English teacher in Perry County," said Mrs. Todd with a touch of satisfaction creeping into her voice.

Established in 1984, the Shelton State Foundation is one of the oldest community college foundations in Alabama and one of the largest. "The Foundation offers at least 23 endowed scholarships each year as well as supporting many other activities and projects at the school," Drummond stated. "But we want to do more. We want to get into the hearts and minds of this community as they make their gift and estate plans. We're setting targets now for the Foundation's 25th anniversary and need the support of individuals, businesses and estate planners to achieve our goals."

While plans are underway for the future, the Foundation's mission remains clear - to help make quality, affordable education available to the people of West Alabama.

For additional information on the Shelton State Foundation and its programs, contact Lewis Drummond, Executive Director, at 205-391-2347 or by email at ldrummond@sheltonstate.edu.

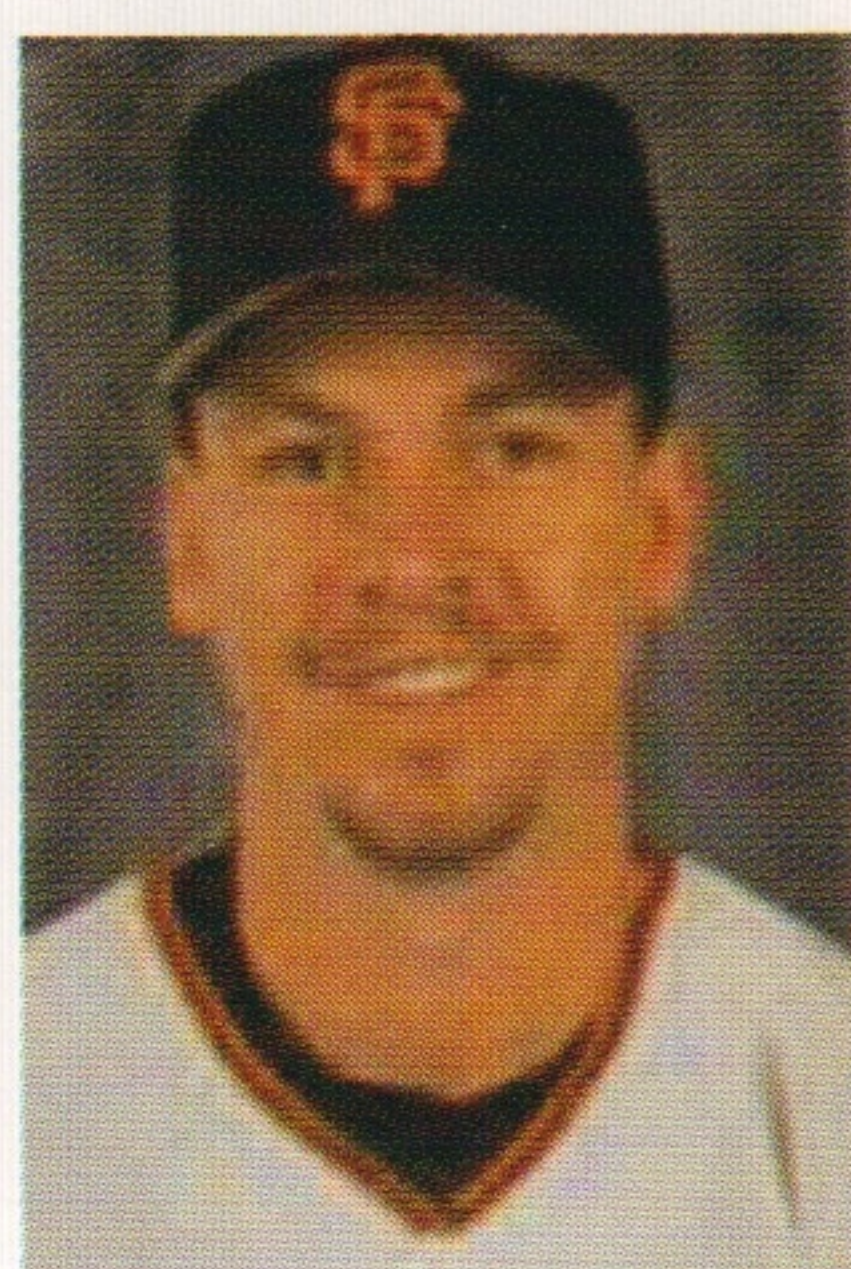
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DAVIS INDUCTED INTO THE AJCCC HALL OF FAME

Former Shelton State baseball player, Russ Davis, was inducted into the Alabama Junior and Community College Conference Hall of Fame during the 15th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet on July 1st in Foley, Alabama.

Davis came to Shelton State from Hueytown High School in 1988. He led his team to a runner-up finish in the AJCCC tournament, a 35-7 overall record and a 20-0 Division record. He also set a Shelton State single-season homerun record (14) which still stands. He batted .347 for the season with 46 RBIs. Davis was selected for the AJCCC All-Conference Team.

After only one year in the community college ranks, Davis was drafted in the 29th round and assigned to the New York Yankees' Farm Club System. He made a name for himself as a power-hitting third baseman. He was called up as a defensive replacement for Don



FINE ARTS CENTER NAMED FOR LONG-TIME SUPPORTER SANDRA HALL RAY



Sandra Hall Ray poses with her family at the August 3 dedication of the Sandra Hall Ray Fine Arts Center on the Martin Campus.

Just before Peter Pan and Wendy took their Sunday afternoon flight across the stage of the Bean – Brown Theatre on August 3, friends, family, faculty and staff gathered in the Atrium to mark the dedication of the Sandra Hall Ray Fine Arts Center.

Ray is a long time supporter of Shelton State Community College. She was a founding

member of the board of directors for the Shelton State Foundation, and served as president from 1985-1987. Ray was highly active in the college's early, organized fund raising efforts which began in 1985. In 1994, Ray was elected to the Alabama State Board of Education and is currently serving her third term. Ray was instrumental in the building of

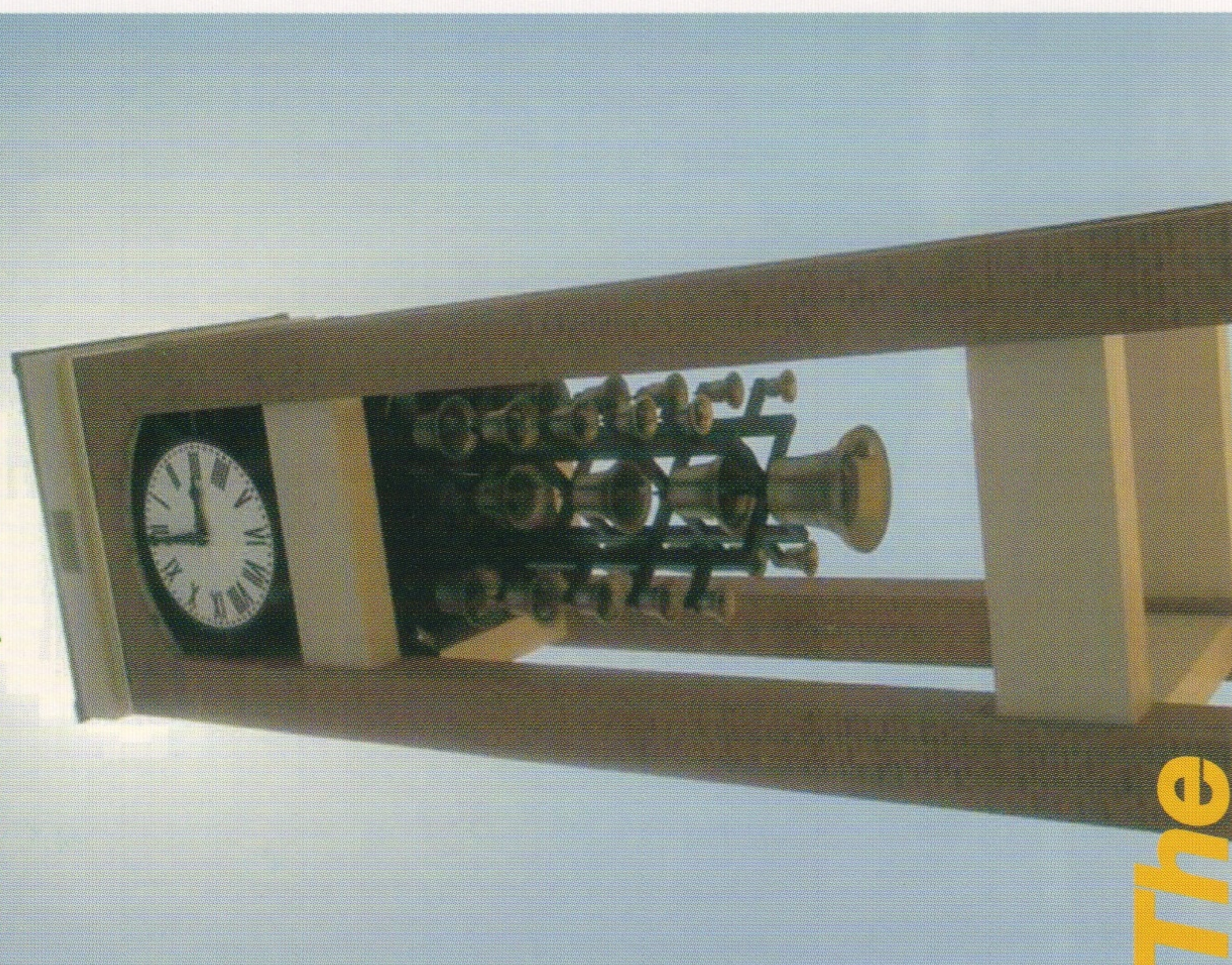
Shelton State's Martin campus, which was completed in 1997. She has served the Theatre Tuscaloosa Board of Directors as president, chaired the fund raising campaign for the Bean-Brown Theatre and Shelton's new Fine Arts Center, and currently serves on the board.

"Sandra has been such an important leader on behalf of our college for many years. Her work in support of Theatre Tuscaloosa and Shelton State has been remarkable, and we are honored to have the Fine Arts Center forever recognize her contributions," said Rick Rogers, Shelton State president.

Shelton State has been named Alabama's Community College of the Fine Arts and houses the Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame. In addition to the Bean-Brown Theatre, the Fine Arts Center on the Martin Campus also houses the Alabama Power Foundation Recital Hall, the National Bank of Commerce Gallery, the Bellsouth Gallery, the Wilson-Carr Rehearsal Hall, the T. Earle Johnson Lobby, the Frances McFarland Johnson Actor Lounge and the Bank of Moundville Dance Studio. The Visual and Performing Arts Division offers programs in dance, music, speech, theatre, and visual arts. Shelton State students are afforded many opportunities to showcase their talents through such groups as the Shelton Singers and the Jazz Band in addition to theatre and dance performances, and gallery displays.

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